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SUBJECT: TEXT OF NATIONAL COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS ON
RESTORATION OF U.S. FUNDING AND MASS MEDIA ISSUES

1. RESTORATION OF U.S. FUNDING, BEGIN QUOTE, RECALLING
RESOLUTIONS OF THE 39TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE U.S. NATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR UNESCO CONCERNING U.S. SUPPORT FOR UNESCO,
POLITICIZATION OF UNESCO, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATION IN
UNESCO, AND UNESCO PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS;

HAVING RECEIVED REPORTS ON THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
UNESCO FROM MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION;

NOTING THAT PROGRESS WAS MADE BY THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE
TO REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF DISRUPTIVE POLITICAL ACTION ON THE
WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION, ESPECIALLY THE DEFERRAL OF THE
DRAFT DECLARATION ON MASS MEDIA AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL
INTO THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP;

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO PROMOTE
COOPERATION AMONG DELEGATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CON-
FERENCE METHODS DESIGNED TO RESOLVE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES ON
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THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS;

SERIOUSLY CONCERNED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE REAFFIRMED RESOLUTIONS CENSURING ISRAEL AND IMPOSING SANCTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES;

RECOGNIZING THAT SOME MEMBER STATES CONTINUE TO DIVERT UNESCO FROM ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES FOR NARROW POLITICAL INTERESTS; AND

GUIDED BY THE CONVICTION THAT UNESCO, TOGETHER WITH OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, IS A UNIQUE INSTRUMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION: COMMENDS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR HIS POSITIVE ROLE IN DEVELOPING NEW BASES FOR COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER STATES AND URGES THAT HE CONTINUE IN THESE ENDEAVORS;

RECOMMENDS TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT THE DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATION GROUP, WHICH PROVED TO BE A USEFUL TECHNIQUE IN PROMOTING CONSENSUS ON SOME ISSUES AT THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE, BE CONTINUED AND EXTENDED AT THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE;

RECOMMENDS THAT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SEEK TO DEVELOP NEW PROCEDURES THAT WILL ENSURE THAT UNESCO IS NOT DIVERTED FROM THE PURSUIT OF ITS CONSTITUTIONAL FUNCTIONS; AND

FURTHER RECOMMENDS TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT THEY INITIATE STEPS TO RESOLVE EXISTING DISRUPTIVE POLITICAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL.

URGES THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS TO RE-INSTITUTE SUFFICIENT PAYMENTS OF THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO SO THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN CONSTRUCTIVELY PURSUE ACTIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICIES ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND INCREASING ITS OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS;

CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS TO REVIEW, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 1978, U.S. COMMITMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO IN THE LIGHT OF FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF DISRUPTIVE POLITICS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION ; AND

EMPHASIZES THAT U.S. POLICIES IN UNESCO CAN ONLY BE EFFECTIVE IF INSTRUMENTS OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY ARE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND IF U.S. REPRESENTATION IN UNESCO CONTINUES TO BE STRENGTHENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION STUDY COMMITTEE IN 1975;

CONFIRMS THAT U.S. POLICIES IN UNESCO MUST BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF UNIVERSALITY, FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION AND SCHOLARLY INQUIRY, FREE EXPRESSION AND FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND OPPOSITION TO DISRUPTIVE POLITICAL ACTION, ALL OF WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO EDUCATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT; AND

ENCOURAGES MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNESCO PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED PRINCIPLES AS WELL AS THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE ARE APPLIED TO THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION.

AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL TASK FORCES: (A) TO STUDY CONTINUING AND POTENTIAL AREAS OF POLITICIZATION IN UNESCO AND PREPARE AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF POLICIES FOR THE UNITED STATES; (B) TO ASSESS THE ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY OF UNESCO TO SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AND TECHNIQUES TO THIS END; AND (C) TO DEVELOP INITIATIVES AND STRATEGIES FOR THE U.S. IN PREPARATION FOR THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ANTICIPATE POLITICAL ISSUES THAT ARE LIKELY TO ARISE AND TO STRENGTHEN UNESCO'S PROGRAM;

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INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEMATIC AND OBJECTIVE PROGRAM OF PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INFORMATION AND DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF UNESCO PROGRAMS AND THEIR RELATION TO U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS;

CALLS ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT THESE PROPOSALS, TO CONSULT WITH U.S. GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND WITH OTHER NATIONAL COMMISSIONS IN ORDER TO MOBILIZE MAXIMUM RESOURCES FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE TASK AND TO BUILD A BROAD BASE OF SUPPORT; AND

AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MAKE WHATEVER BUDGETARY RE-ALLOCATIONS MUST BE MADE TO CARRY OUT THESE PRO-

JECTS AND, IF NECESSARY, TO TAKE ACTION TO RAISE SPECIAL
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EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES FROM BOTH PRIVATE
AND GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES. END QUOTE.

2. MASS MEDIA ISSUE: BEGIN QUOTE, THE DEBATE IN NAIROBI
ON THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA INTERNATIONALLY AND THE RECOMMEN-
DATIONS OF RECENT MEETINGS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAVE
POINTED UP THE URGENCY AND CENTRALITY OF COMMUNICATIONS TO
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WORLD STABILITY; AND

THE UNITED STATES IS BOTH THE FOREMOST CONTRIBUTOR TO
THE COMMUNICATIONS FLOW IMBALANCE AND IS ALSO THE MAJOR
RESOURCE FOR REDRESSING THIS DISPARITY THROUGH SHARING
KNOWLEDGE, RESEARCH AND EXPERTISE TO ASSIST DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN THEIR JUSTIFIABLE EFFORTS TO REALIZE THEIR
OWN FULL COMMUNICATION CAPACITIES;

THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO IS UNIQUELY AVAIL-
ABLE TO SERVE AS A LIAISON BETWEEN PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENTAL
SECTORS IN THESE EFFORTS;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO
COOPERATE WITH UNESCO IN THE STUDY OF THE INTERNATIONAL
MEDIA ISSUE WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE WORLD-WIDE STATUS OF THE
PRESS AND MEDIA SYSTEMS; THE MONITORING OF AND PARTICIPA-
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TION IN MEDIA CONFERENCES; AND INVENTORIES OF PRESS FACILI-
TIES, VOLUME OF FLOW AND MEDIA POLICIES AND

ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE ON THE MEDIA WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSI-
BLE FOR THE POLICIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS INHERENT IN THE
ABOVE PARAGRAPH.

AUTHORIZES THE CHAIR, IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE, TO:
SECURE FOR THE COMMISSION A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT IN THE
COMMUNICATIONS FIELD; AND CONTINUE ITS LIAISON ACTIVITIES
WITH MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN FURTHERANCE
OF MAKING AVAILABLE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR JOURNALISTS AND
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; AND PROVIDE
ADEQUATE FUNDS IN THE NATIONAL COMMISSION BUDGET TO
FURTHER THIS ACTIVITY. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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